

Priority Populations

Below are the priority populations defined by the MHSOAC PEI Committee. Counties will design programs specifically for the populations defined below. Populations are organized according to age. If Statewide programs are approved, they will focus on the issues listed under Statewide Topics below.

COUNTY POPULATIONS	SCHOOL BASED	HEALTH BASED	STIGMA DIS RED	SUICIDE RED	CSS
A. Children & Youth, Ages 0-25, and their Families					
Children and youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system	X				X
Children and youth at risk of entering or in the foster care system	X				
Children and youth at risk of school failure	X				
Infants and very young children with risk factors (focus is on supporting positive relationships with parents/caregivers and support for child care providers)	X	X			
Children and youth “first break” (initial episode of a severe mental illness)	X	X	X		
Children, youth, and their families that are homeless	X	X			
Children and youth whose parents/caregivers have or are at risk for mental illness		X			X
Children and youth who are survivors of trauma	X	X			
Children and youth from ethnically and racially diverse communities where research demonstrates they are at risk for specific mental health disorders	X	X	X	X	

B. ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS	SCHOOL BASED	HEALTH BASED	STIGMA DIS RED	SUICIDE RED	CSS
Adults and older adults at “first break” (initial episode of a severe mental illness)		X			X
Adults and older adults and their families that are homeless					X
Adults and older adults that are parents/caregivers and who have/are at risk for mental illness		X	X		X
Adults and older adults who are survivors of trauma		X	X		X
Adults and older adults at risk for unemployment					X
Adults and older adults who are at risk for or are already incarcerated					X
Adults and older adults at risk of school failure					X
Adults and older adults from ethnic and racially diverse communities where research demonstrates they are at risk for specific mental health disorders		X	X	X	X
STATEWIDE and COUNTY WIDE TOPICS					
A. ACROSS ALL AGES					
Stigma Reduction	X	X	X	X	X
Discrimination Reduction	X	X	X	X	X
Suicide Reduction	X	X	X	X	X